

QUALITY ASSURANCE RULE

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Briefing on the Revised Management System Requirements

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NEW QA RULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Flow-down
- Items & Services
- Integration
- Standards
- Work Processes
- Implementation Plans
- Plain Language

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Flow-down/Items & Services:

Emphasized the responsibility of DOE prime contractors for the quality of their subcontractor's and supplier's work.

The items and services obtained by the DOE contractor may be produced in accordance with their QAP, the subcontractor/supplier QAP, or evaluated by the DOE contractor after receipt.

NEW QA RULE HIGHLIGHTS

Integration and Work Processes:

The QA Program must be integrated with the Safety Management System. A single document or a QAP that describes how the QA Criteria apply to the SMS.

The Work Process Criterion explicitly adds an element to perform their work consistent with “hazard controls” (e.g., from the SMS).

NEW QA RULE HIGHLIGHTS

Standards:

Added requirement to explicitly identify the standards used to develop and implement the QAP.

Plain Language:

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Implementation Plans:

Deleted due to 4+ years passing from date of the original rule. New requirements handled in annual QAP update.

CURRENT POLICY ACTIVITY

- QA Order Revision - O 414.1A, Realign w/rule planned for FY 2001
- QA Guide Revisions:
 - G 414.1-1, Expands Management Assessment guidance. Comments are due November 17, 2000
 - G 414.1-2, Address rule comments and expand procurement quality methods planned for FY 2001
- SMS Guide Revision - Safety issue corrective action process for Oversight reports. Final editing for Jan. 2000 release.